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1949

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Secretary

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OBJECT AND PRIVILEGES OF THE SOCIETY

The Society is a non-profit organization. Its object is to promote and encourage horticulture and to create a love for, and interest in plants and flowers. It desires to increase its membership in order to extend its services to a greater number of persons, increase its influence and enlarge the scope of its activities.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

"Horticulture"—a monthly gardening magazine for the amateur gardener.

The Philadelphia Flower Show—one admission.

Chrysanthemum Show—one admission.

Displays in the Rooms.

Horticultural Library—circulating privilege to members.

Lectures.

Consultant in Horticulture.

Garden Visits.

Year Book.

Members of this Society automatically become members of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania.

Membership implies a forward-looking interest in the influence of horticulture on the individual, the home and the community, making life happier and richer.

Annual Dues, \$5.00

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I GIVE AND BEQUEATH TO THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL
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I Wish to Propose for Membership in the Society

Name

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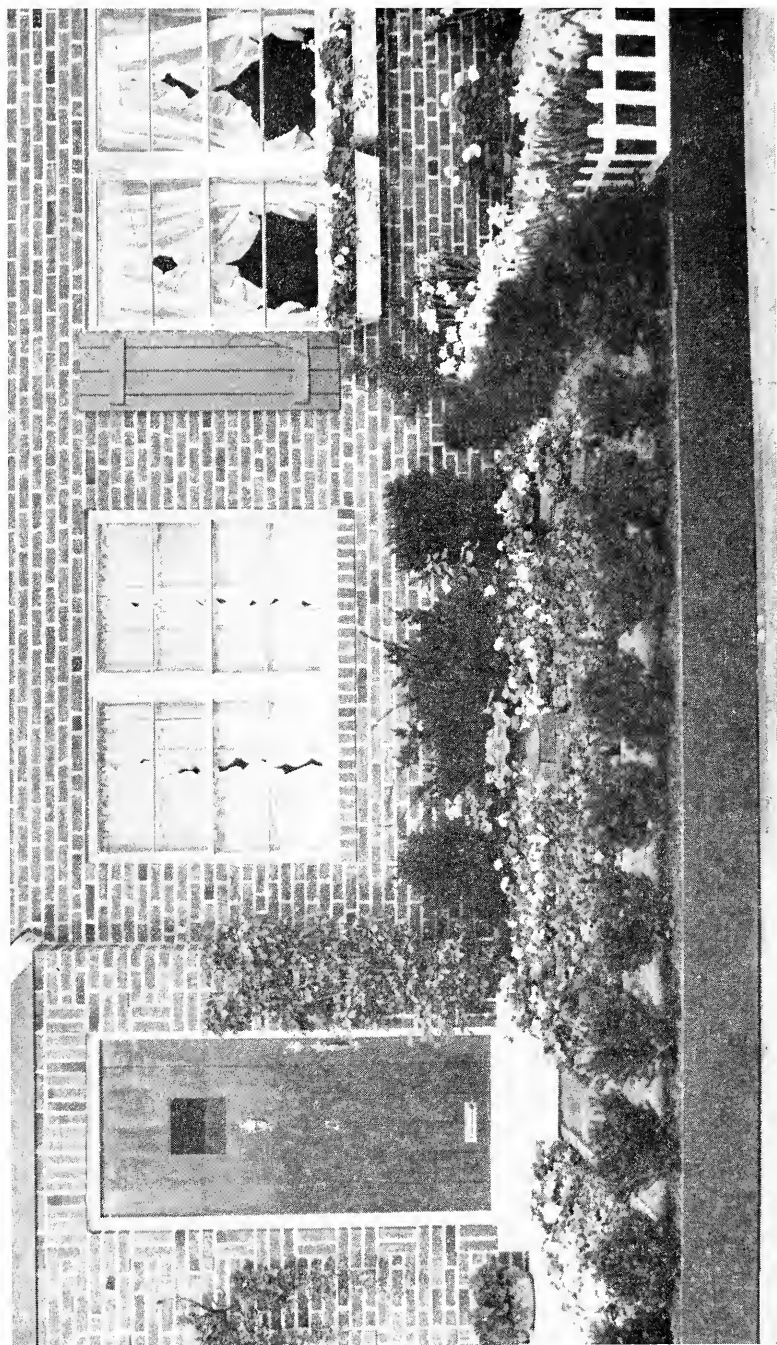
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Row House Garden, exhibited by the Society of Little Gardens in the 1949 Philadelphia Flower Show.

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Section of Library, in the Rooms of the Society

ANNUAL MEETING — 1949

The Annual Meeting of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society was held on November 17, 1949, at 2 P. M., in the Rooms of the Society, with Vice-President John C. Wister in the Chair. The President, C. Frederick C. Stout, was unable to be present and Mr. Wister expressed regret for his absence. It was Mr. Stout's wish that his greetings and appreciation be extended to the members.

The election of the following candidates to the Executive Council for the three-year term (1950-51-52) was announced as follows: Mr. Charles Becker, Jr., Mr. Alfred M. Campbell, Mrs. F. Woodson Hancock, Mr. Alex. MacLeod, Mr. J. Liddon Pennock, Jr., Mrs. G. Ruhland Rebmann, Jr., Mrs. Arthur H. Scott, Mr. Thomas W. Sears, Mrs. W. Beaumont Whitney, 2nd, and Mrs. Richard D. Wood, Jr. (One-third of the total membership of the Council is elected each year.)

The resignation, due to ill health, of Mr. William J. Serrill, of Haverford, a member of the Executive Council for twenty-five years and senior vice-president of the Society, had been accepted with regret during the past year, as was also the resignation of Mrs. Irving Warner, of Wilmington, Delaware, a member of the Council for ten years.

A report covering the activities of the Society for the past year was submitted by the Secretary, John C. Wister.

Mrs. E. Page Allinson, Chairman, reported for the Committee for Displays in the Rooms and urged members to take advantage of these displays and thus become better acquainted with their Society and its rooms; Mrs. F. Woodson Hancock, Chairman of the Membership Committee, presented an encouraging report for the past year and presented prizes to Mrs. Samuel McCreery, Mrs. James C. Bleloch and Mrs. A. C. Barnes for having acquired the greatest number of new members during the year; Mrs. Charles Platt, Chairman of the Lecture Committee, gave an interesting and inspiring account of the lectures given; Mrs. G. Ruhland Rebmann, Jr., Chairman of the Garden Visits Committee, reported on the lovely gardens which had been opened to our members in the spring; Mrs. Alan H. Reed, Chairman of the Library Committee, permitted the fine Library of the Society to speak for itself and impressed upon the members its great value, calling to their attention a new innovation of having the Library open on Thursday evenings until 9 o'clock, in addition to the usual 9 to 5 hours; and Mr. Harold Graham, Chairman of the Exhibition Committee gave a comprehensive report of the shows staged by the Society.

An unusual group of wild flower paintings and two unique dish gardens added much to the beauty of the rooms.

The highlight of the afternoon was an address on "Unusual Plant Material," by Mr. Fairman R. Furness, a member of the Executive Council, an artist and a grower of rare plants. Mr. Furness delighted his audience with crayon sketches of the following plant material: *Petasites japonicus*, *Petasites fragrans* (Winter-Heliotrope), *Tussilago alpina* (Alpine Coltsfoot), *Viburnum fragrans*, *Corylopsis pauciflora*, *Corylopsis sinensis*, *Lysichitum camtschaticense* (Western Skunk Cabbage), *Daphne Genkwa*, *Primula japonica*, *Cornus Kousa* (Chinese Dogwood), *Magnolia Thompsoniana*, *Magnolia Sieboldii* (parviflora), *Pterostyrax hispida* (Epaulette-Tree), *Crinum Moorei*, *Asphodelus luteus* (Asphodel), *Stewartia pentagyna*, *Stewartia Pseudo-Camellia*, *Senecio clivorum* (Groundsel), *Ophiopogon Jaburan argenteus variegatus* (Lily-Turf).

This concluded a pleasant and instructive meeting with 121 members present.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT FOR 1949

The 122nd anniversary of the founding of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society came to an end in November, 1949, and it passed into history with one of the most encouraging, satisfying and well attended meetings of the Executive Council that it has been my pleasure to conduct for some time. It was with a great deal of pleasure I was able to report to our Council members that the difficulties which we have encountered ever since we were compelled to seek new quarters with increased rental and share the increased cost of the printing of the magazine "Horticulture," (thus forcing us to raise the dues from \$3.50 a year to \$5.00 a year and Life Membership from \$50 to \$75), had been overcome.

Our total membership on November 1, 1948 was 5,394 and on the same date of November 1949, 5,321, or a net loss of 73 members for the year. Breaking these figures down we find there were 392 resignations because of the raising of the dues, 389 members were dropped for non-payment, and 38 deaths, or a total of 819. Mrs. F. Woodson Hancock, Chairman of the Membership Committee, was able to report we had gained 746 new members which shows what a wonderful spirit of cooperation there has been and is today in meeting the challenge of the life of this old Society.

I regret I was unable to attend the Annual Meeting, starting our 123rd year, which was conducted by Mr. Wister, our Vice-President and Secretary, and at which one of our own Council members, Mr. Fairman R. Furness, gave a most interesting and unique address entitled "Unusual Plant Material," personally illustrated by himself.

The longer I live the more I am impressed with the fact that whatever anyone undertakes to accomplish immediately becomes a challenge.

even as life itself is a challenge. To accomplish the success of what we undertake reflects the spiritual understanding put into the accomplishment. I recall, when I was a young man, the Rev. Phillips Brooks was Rector of Holy Trinity Church, and he was indeed a great preacher. I heard him say, at one time in a sermon, that what we cannot see with our eyes, we must see with our faith and it is by our faith that we possess a vision of what the future holds.

Before closing I wish to send greetings to all of the members of this old Society, and to the members who have joined us in the last year a most hearty welcome.

C. FREDERICK C. STOUT
President.

REPORT OF SECRETARY FOR 1949

(Presented at the Annual Meeting)

Each year in making up my report as Secretary of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, I am pleasantly surprised to find how many interesting and worthwhile activities the Society has engaged in, and this year is no exception.

As you will remember, two years ago we began a series of special displays in the rooms and these exhibits have now become the most important new development of our work. A display of Broad Leaf Evergreens, shown by Mr. Fairman R. Furness, started the season last November, and displays of appropriate seasonal material continued through the winter and spring months. The exhibits have been educational and attractive, and they have brought members to our rooms who never came before. We hope these persons will continue to come and will make use of the Library and other facilities more and more. In coming into town or leaving from the Suburban Station, drop in for a while and look at the magazines or pick up a book to read at home.

In order to increase the value of the special displays, the librarian will show a collection of books and catalogues each time relating to the subject treated in the display. The displays this coming season will be even more numerous than last year. They have been planned by an energetic committee, with Mrs. G. Ruhland Rebmann, Jr. as Chairman. Mrs. John B. Carson is in charge of an educational "Exhibit of the Month," which is a new feature this year.

The recent program of the Society's activities, which came out about October 1st, informed you of the displays and other events up until the first of the year, and on January 1st there will be another program for

the next three months. After considering the subject carefully, your officers decided it would be a better plan to issue programs every few months instead of trying to cover events for most of the year in one overall program in October as has been done for the past few years. Members were apt to mislay their programs after a few months and postcard reminders were necessary, and in addition the overall program was not very satisfactory for new members who joined when the winter season was partly over. We hope you will like the new method—if not, please let us know.

The January 1st, 1950 program will give you information about the displays in the rooms for the three month period after the first of the year, and will also list the lectures. Garden Visits will have their own folder, as usual, and this will not go to members until some time in April.

Last January and February, two groups of lectures were presented—an afternoon series in the Auditorium of the Strawbridge & Clothier Store in Philadelphia, and an evening series of practical talks in the Society's rooms.

We are grateful to the management of Strawbridge & Clothier for permitting us to hold our afternoon lectures in their Auditorium, and also for permitting us the use of the room for the series of Flower Show Judging Schools which our Society holds twice a year in co-operation with the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. The Schools have been helpful in teaching the students correct horticultural practices as well as how to make beautiful flower arrangements. Our flower shows are reflecting the results for we have many new exhibitors who would not have had the courage to make entries in the shows without the excellent training they received in the Courses. Students have the additional spur of having to secure five first prizes before they can become accredited judges.

The magazine HORTICULTURE has always been considered one of the valued privileges of membership by our members just as it has been by the members of the Horticultural Societies of New York and Massachusetts and, more recently, Michigan. In its more modern form and with more up-to-date material since it changed to a monthly magazine, HORTICULTURE has become more popular than ever.

Our latest Chrysanthemum Show in the Field House of Swarthmore College, held early this month, is still a vivid and pleasant memory to many of you. I shall not dwell on it or upon the Philadelphia Flower Show last March, for Mr. Harold Graham, Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, will tell you about them in his report.

There was no decided change in the routine of Garden Visits which

were held last May. Mrs. G. Ruhland Rebmann, Jr., Chairman of the Visits will give you a report of these occasions.

The Field Secretary's work will be reported in the Year Book under the heading of the Extension Committee.

Our Society, through a small committee composed of Mr. Thomas W. Sears, Chairman, Miss Estelle L. Sharp and Mr. Alex. MacLeod, directed an informal garden contest during the summer, at Mt. Pleasant, a small community near Wayne. The project was instigated by one of our Life Members who paid all expenses. The committee visited each of the 31 gardens entered in the contest three times during the growing season, and presented cash prizes at a flower show in the village on September 17.

We have had more visitors in our rooms than usual, in some months the number reached 300 or 400 during displays and even 850 last December during the Christmas exhibit. The Library was used by 729 members. Twenty-five meetings were held in our Board Room by the Society's committees and the Executive Council, and 38 meetings were held by committees of other horticultural groups.

If you would like more complete information about any of the activities mentioned, please feel free to call upon me. We appreciate your interest, and hope that all of you will remember that this is YOUR Society.

JOHN C. WISTER,
Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1949

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

September 30, 1949

ASSETS

Cash

General Fund—Girard Trust Company	\$13,699.21		
General Fund—Petty Cash	200.00	13,899.21	
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Life Membership Fund:			
Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Co.	543.84		
Library Committee Fund:			
Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Co.	521.82		
Pension Fund:			
Philadelphia Saving Fund Society	1,106.47	2,172.13	16,071.34
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Schaffer Fund Investments

Girard Trust Company, Trustee		284,811.70	
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Investments

Life Membership Fund	49,586.54		
General Fund	23,000.78		
Library Fund	74.00		
Pension Fund	8,583.40	86,244.72	
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Equipment

Office Furniture, etc.	2,170.86		
Library Books	11,347.42		
Portraits	6,265.00		
Lecture Equipment	348.88		
Field Secretary Equipment	287.67	20,419.83	
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Supplies

Medals on Hand		289.80	
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Prepaid Expenses		495.62	
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Total Assets		408,333.01	
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LIABILITIES

None

FUNDS

LIABILITIES

Schaffer Fund	284,811.70		
General Fund	41,146.08		
Life Membership Fund	50,130.38		
Library Fund	595.82		
Pension Fund	9,689.87		
Special Contributions	8,211.36	394,585.21	
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Appraisal Adjustment		13,227.99	
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Judging School Fees carried over to next year		519.81	
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Total		408,333.01	
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

October 1, 1948, to September 30, 1949

GENERAL FUND

Receipts

Income received from:

Schaffer Fund—Girard Trust Co.		\$9,534.26
Interest on Investments	3,904.90	
Interest on Savings Fund	5.15	3,910.05
Annual Dues		21,434.50
Special Contributions		209.25
Total Cash Receipts		35,088.06
Unexpended Balance, Fifth Judging School		519.81
Total Income		35,607.87

Expenditures of Committees

Executive Committee	12,207.64
Lecture Committee	654.78
Exhibition Committee	1,905.36
Library Committee	3,986.79
Extension Committee	1,326.77
Horticultural Committee.....	378.97
Editorial Committee—Magazine "Horticulture"	6,978.00
Pension Committee—Annuities and U. S.	
Government Bonds	3,736.70
Membership Committee	1,021.60
Publicity	178.50

Total above Expenditures 32,375.11

Purchase of Securities

4 shares Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.	219.88	
10 shares Philadelphia Electric Co.	200.00	
3 shares Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey		
(includes 1-178/200 shares stock dividend)	83.68	503.56

Total 32,878.67

Deduct—1947/48 Prepaid Expenses	268.95	
—Decrease in Inventory of Medals	22.85	291.80

Balance	32,586.87
Add—1947/48 Unexpended balance for Judging School	520.05

Total	33,106.92
Add—Advance for Postage—Lecture Committee ..	34.60
Advance for Postage—Exhibition Committee	34.59
Advance for Chrysanthemum Show.....	426.43
	495.62

Total Cash Expenditures 33,602.54

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures—General Account ...	2,500.95	
Advances for 1949/50	495.62	2,005.33
Cash on Hand September 30, 1948		11,893.88
Cash on Hand September 30, 1949		13,899.21

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

Balance, October 1, 1948—Uninvested Cash		\$408.01
<i>Receipts:</i>		
42 New Members 1948/49	1,562.50	
134 Old Members paid in 1948/49	1,480.00	3,042.50
Total Cash to be accounted for		3,450.51
Disbursed for purchase of \$1,400. U. S. Savings Bonds "G"	1,400.00	
15 shares Panhandle Eastern Pipeline	1,506.67	2,906.67
Balance, September 30, 1949—Uninvested Cash		543.84

LIBRARY FUND

Balance, October 1, 1948—Uninvested Cash		\$517.12
Receipts—Interest—January 5, 1949		4.70
Balance September 30, 1949—Uninvested Cash		521.82

PENSION FUND

Balance, October 1, 1948—Uninvested Cash		0
<i>Receipts:</i>		
Net Proceeds Third Judging School	\$230.81	
Net Proceeds Fourth Judging School	223.78	
Garden Days—Gross Receipts less Taxes	629.88	
Donations	22.00	1,106.47
Balance, September 30, 1949—Uninvested Cash		1,106.47

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Certified Public Accountants

H. GATES LLOYD, JR.,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 1949

The present Executive Committee, which was appointed last May, held its first meeting June 20, 1949. It recommended the addition to our staff of Miss Mary Phillips, graduate of the Ambler School of Horticulture, to help with horticultural information and other general work.

The salaries of the present staff were reviewed and it was suggested that increases be made, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Harry Wood (Miss Anne Wertsner) asked to be put on a part time basis. She will still run our flower shows, give lectures and help with our many other activities.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was held September 13, 1949, at which it was announced that the Finance Committee had approved the suggestions made in June.

Miss Phillips was engaged to start with her duties on October 1st, and Society members were notified that she would be in the office to help them with their horticultural problems after that date. Members were notified also that the library would be open every Thursday evening during the winter months in addition to its regular hours.

The Executive Committee's primary duty is to supervise the office, and it welcomes any suggestion as to how to be more helpful to our members.

The Committee is proud of the work done by the office staff, consisting of three full time, and two part time workers. Briefly, their activities divide themselves into the following categories: Membership, Library, Horticultural Information, Flower Shows, Events in the Rooms, Lectures, Garden Visits, and Publicity, in addition to regular routine office work and financial matters pertaining to the Society.

While each has her special duties, the unfailing co-operation of the staff has made it possible to send out each year over 50,000 notices, address more than 60,000 copies of HORTICULTURE, sell 6,000 tickets to the Philadelphia Flower Show, run the Spring Luncheon, identify much plant material, make up the year book, give advance publicity to the newspapers, and fulfill innumerable other duties.

FRANCES T. CARSON
(Mrs. John B. Carson)
Chairman

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR 1949

When I try to give a report of the Library, it is impossible for me to put it into my words as this magnificent horticultural library speaks for itself.

On the shelves, one may find how to landscape a palace park or plant a dish garden; how to start orchid seeds in culture to how to eradicate crab grass; bound copies of past periodicals to the most modern; also catalogs and the Plant Buyers Index.

Through the winter months, for your convenience, the library will be open on Thursday nights until 9 P. M. As you know, this is a free library so you may bring your friends to visit and use it. Most of the books may be mailed on request to members in any part of the United States.

It has been ten years since we have had a complete catalog of the Library during which time we have received Mrs. Lloyd's marvelous collection of books as well as over two thousand others and this year we wish to thank Mrs. E. Page Allinson, Mrs. Charles Biddle, Dr. Jane Leslie Kift, Mrs. Norman VanPelt Levis, Mr. Richard W. Lloyd, Miss Mildred Morse, and Mrs. Humbert Borton Powell for donations of books. As soon as we feel we should spend the money, we will have a new catalog printed. In the meantime, peruse the shelves and check with our card catalog. During the past year 729 members and their friends have visited the Library and 550 books were circulated.

KATHARINE C. REED,
(Mrs. Alan H. Reed)
Chairman.

LIBRARY ACCESSIONS, 1949

ASCH, JOHN. Story of Plants. 1948.
BUSTANOBY, J. H. Principles of color and color mixing. 1947.
CLOUD, K. M. P. Practical flower gardening. 1924.
CORSAR, K. C. Primulas in the garden. 1948.
DEGENER, OTTO. Naturalist's South Pacific expedition; Fiji. 1949.
EBERLEIN & HUBBARD. Portrait of a Colonial City. 1939.
FENSKA, R. R. Tree experts manual. 1947.
FLOWER, NEWMAN. Through my Garden Gate. 1947.
GRANT & GRANT. Pruning is simple. 1948.
GUSTAFSON, & OTHERS. Land for the Family. 1947.
HANNAY, F. J. Outlines of period flower arrangements. 1948.
HAUSMAN, E. H. Beginner's guide to wildflowers. 1948.
HOTTE, A. C. Garden facts and fancies. 1949.
HOTTE, A. C. How to increase plants. 1949.
JOHNSON, LAURA. Botanical teacher. 1834.
KRAMER, P. J. Plant and soil water relationships. 1949.
LAURIE & KIPLINGER. Garden and greenhouse chrysanthemums. 1947.

LAURIE & KIPLINGER. Soils and fertilizers. 1948.
 LEACH, L. A., comp. & ed. 1929-1949; the first 20 years of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. 1949.
 LEVINSON, J. J. Home Book of trees and shrubs; new ed. 1949.
 LOUDON, MRS. J. W. Lady's country companion. 1845.
 LUCAS, I. B. Dwarf fruit trees. 1948.
 McFARLAND, J. H. Memories of a rose man. 1949.
 MITCHELL & MARTH. Growth regulators. 1947.
 MORSE, RICHARD. Introduction to wildflowers. 1949.
 OREGON CAMELLIA SOCIETY. Camellias as a hobby. 1949.
 OSBORN, FAIRFIELD. Our plundered planet. 1943.
 PARMETER, ROSS. Plant in my window. 1949.
 PETERSON, R. T. Birds over America. 1948.
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REPORT OF LECTURE COMMITTEE FOR 1949

(Presented at the Annual Meeting)

The Lecture Committee is pleased to greet you today in the rooms of The Horticultural Society. These are *your* rooms, you know. It was felt that many members had never been here and the spirit of hospitality overcame our doubts as to the required space and the elevator service. We hope that we have not been overoptimistic.

Heretofore the afternoon lectures have been held at three o'clock. You will notice that the hour has been changed to two o'clock this year in order to allow members to start home before the heavy afternoon traffic gets under way. The evening lectures remain at the same hour, seven o'clock. Last season there were three afternoon and five evening lectures, and one morning talk, by Mrs. Gara, "A Review of the New Catalogues."

Mrs. E. Florens Rivinus was our speaker at the last Annual Meeting (1948) giving a spirited and interesting talk of a recent trip which she entitled, "An Anatolian Argosy."

Mr. Henry T. Skinner, Curator of the Morris Arboretum, spoke on "Rhododendrons," sharing his vast knowledge of the subject with us. It was illustrated with beautiful colored slides.

Mr. T. H. Everett, of the New York Botanical Garden, gave a practical and helpful talk on "The Vegetative Propagation of Plants." This was also illustrated with beautiful colored slides.

At the Spring Luncheon in March Mr. Paul Frese, editor of "The Flower Grower," spoke on "What you can bring home from the Spring Flower Shows."

The new list of lectures will be sent out about the first of the year and we hope they will interest you. Please note that members may bring guests to the afternoon lectures again. Last year for reasons too complicated to explain, this was banned. We hope that many of these guests will be interested enough to join the Society, which has much to offer to its members. The evening lectures are helpful, constructive and of real value to all those who want to garden better. Much knowledge and inspiration can be gleaned from them.

DOROTHY FALCON PLATT

(Mrs. Charles Platt)

Chairman.

LIST OF LECTURES IN 1949

Afternoon Lectures—3 P. M.

Auditorium, Strawbridge & Clothier

January 6, 1949—"Invisible Motion" (illustrated) Mr. Edward A. Hill.

January 13, 1949—"Rhododendrons" (illustrated) Mr. Henry T. Skinner.

February 3, 1949—"Vegetative Propagation of Plants" (illustrated) Mr. T. H. Everett
(substituting for Dr. E. E. Naylor, who was unable to come).

Evening Lectures—7 P. M.

In the Rooms of the Society

January 6, 1949—"Flowering Trees and Shrubs" (illustrated) Mr. Harry Wood.

January 13, 1949—"House Plants" Miss Anne B. Wertsner.

January 20, 1949—"Rock and Wall Gardens" (illustrated) Miss Anne B. Wertsner.

January 27, 1949—"Garden Maintenance, Including Lawns" Mr. Harry Wood.

February 3, 1949—"Flower Arrangement for the Home" (demonstrated) Miss Anne B. Wertsner.

REPORT OF GARDEN VISITS COMMITTEE FOR 1949

(Presented at the Annual Meeting)

The general plan of garden visits for the 1949 season was approximately the same as that of the preceding year. The committee endeavored to select for each day, in one locality, gardens which would give as much variety as possible in both size and general atmosphere.

Members were requested not to arrive before opening time (one o'clock) and to leave promptly at 5.30 so that we would not impose on the kindness of our hosts in arriving too early and overstaying our welcome.

The traffic problem remained about the same. Arrows were used to mark the routes and seemed to work fairly well even though some of the gardens were a considerable distance apart.

There were three visiting days on succeeding Saturdays beginning April 30th, and gardens were shown in the Newtown Square-Wawa area, the Main Line and Chestnut Hill.

A guest fee of \$1.00 for all gardens shown on one day was required for non-members and the proceeds which amounted to \$629.83, after payment of tax, were added to the pension fund for employees.

Thirteen gardens were on the list for the three days. There were 7226 individual visits. Attendance varied from 631 to 488. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kemble very kindly agreed to show their garden on May 7th, although it had not been suggested to the committee until after the schedules were printed. No record of attendance was taken there but many visitors spoke of their enjoyment of the garden.

The committee again expresses its gratitude to the owners for the pleasure which they give in opening their gardens to the members and friends of the Society.

MARY B. REBMANN,
(Mrs. G. Ruhland Rebmenn, Jr.)
Chairman.

GARDENS VISITED IN 1949

Saturday, April 30—Newtown Square, Media and Wawa

Mrs. J. Austin duPont
Mrs. Samuel J. Henderson
Mr. Grahame Wood

Saturday, May 7—Main Line

Mr. and Mrs. C. Frederick C. Stout
Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Breyer, Jr.
Mrs. Adolph G. Rosengarten
Mrs. Henry S. Jeanes
Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Jeanes, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Kemble

Saturday, May 14—Chestnut Hill

Mrs. Randal Morgan
Mrs. Arthur Emlen Newbold
Mrs. Isaac Tatnall Starr
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allan Poe
Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Rosengarten

REPORT OF EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

(Presented at the Annual Meeting)

During the last few years, as many of you know, the Society has changed its policy of exhibitions. Instead of holding three or four medium-sized flower shows, plus its part in the Philadelphia Flower Show, the Exhibition Committee has concentrated on one large show and in Philadelphia Flower Show participation, and has developed a series of small exhibits which are given in our rooms.

The small exhibits have been detailed to a special committee and will be reported by the Chairman, Mrs. E. Page Allison, and I, as Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, will speak about the two large flower shows.

The first of these was the Philadelphia Flower Show, in which our Society co-operated with the management of the Show proper by taking charge, as usual, of the amateur or garden club section. The Show was held in the Commercial Museum March 21 to 26, inclusive. The second

large show was the Society's annual Chrysanthemum Show, presented in the Field House of Swarthmore College, on November 4, 5 and 6.

In the Philadelphia Flower Show, the Exhibition Committee was fortunate in again having the assistance of a special committee of garden club women, headed by the Society's representatives, Mrs. Alan Collins and Mrs. W. Beaumont Whitney, II. The special committee took over all the details of the amateur section, leaving the men members of the Exhibition Committee free to work with the General Committee of the Show in other phases of the exhibition.

The attendance at the Philadelphia Flower Show was over 100,000 and the exhibits were unusually beautiful. Color was stressed, and one was amazed at vista after vista of plants, shrubs and trees in full flower. The color effect of the central aisle was breathtaking in its loveliness. Last year some of the visitors complained that while the plant material was very fine, the Show as a whole lacked color. So this year there was color!

In the Society's section, the publicity committee, with Mrs. John B. Carson as Chairman, introduced a new plan. They offered one of the Brick Row House Gardens, which were the outstanding point of interest in our part of the Show, as a prize to the winner of a drawing which took place on Friday night of the Show. The lucky name was drawn from a collection of approximately 6,000 names of persons who had registered for this purpose at the Society's information booth during the week. There was no charge for registration. The winner was Miss Trudy Watson, a non-member of the Society, who was delighted with the garden. It was transported intact to her own garden in Havertown the day after the show closed.

The Society wishes to thank the management of the Philadelphia Flower Show for again permitting us to give a free ticket to each of our annual members, and a season pass to our life members. Members also had the privilege of buying additional tickets for \$1.00 instead of the regular admission price of \$1.50. The Flower Show management was most generous, also, in providing us with cash subsidies to offer to the larger and more expensive exhibits staged by garden clubs in our section. We appreciate their co-operation greatly.

The Chrysanthemum Show is so fresh in all of our memories that I do not have to say much about it. It was presented by our Society with the co-operation of the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation of Swarthmore College and the Philadelphia Branch of the National Association of Gardeners. Mrs. Harry Wood, representing our Society, and Mr. Wood representing the Scott Foundation, staged the exhibition and did a splendid piece of work. Members of the Exhibition Committee were most helpful in carrying out details. The Philadelphia Branch of

the National Association of Gardeners staged a fine display of Chrysanthemums under the leadership of Mr. Percy Adams, president of the Branch. The Wilmington Branch also made a beautiful exhibit and contributed to the success of the Show. The Morris Arboretum and the Scott Foundation again staged a most interesting and educational display of berried shrubs. This was truly one of the outstanding features of the exhibition.

Members received a free ticket and a charge of 50c was made to non-members. The returns from the admissions, \$1,467.06 after deducting Federal Tax, will be used to help defray the expenses of the Show. The total attendance was 6254, of which number 3493 were paid, and the remainder were members of the Society or of the Athletic Association of Swarthmore College, the latter group receiving free tickets as well as members of the Society.

HAROLD GRAHAM,
Chairman.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR 1949

(Presented at the Annual Meeting)

Last year at this time our membership stood at 5394. Then on January 1, we were obliged to raise the dues owing to higher costs. What effect this would have we did not know nor dared to guess. But through the wonderful loyalty of our members our fears were nearly groundless and today our membership stands at 5321. In spite of the loss of 819 members due to deaths and resignations, we are only lacking 73 members of last year's total.

The Committee is deeply indebted and most grateful to our staff and to the volunteers who gave so generously of their time in sending out the invitations to prospective members.

We have sent a letter of deep appreciation to Mr. Fred J. Michell for his wonderful help in securing members. And the Committee takes pleasure in awarding prizes, for individual effort in securing members, to the following:

Mrs. Samuel McCreery
Mrs. James C. Bleloch
Mrs. A. C. Barnes

This Committee needs the suggestions and help of all the members so that the Society, which has so much to give, will grow in both usefulness and size.

KATHARINE C. L. HANCOCK
(Mrs. F. Woodson Hancock)
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR DISPLAYS IN THE ROOMS FOR 1949

(Presented at the Annual Meeting)

During the Season 1948-1949 there were six events put on by this Committee and while they varied in numbers of people who saw them, we believe that the events were all interesting and worth while and we wish only that there were a greater attendance.

The first event, in November 1948, was a very beautiful display of Broad Leaved Evergreens put on by Mr. Fairman Furness. The grouping that Mr. Furness made at one end of the big room was very effective as well as educational. Over 400 people came to see this display.

The Christmas Display, which was the second event, is always the most popular of the year. Eight hundred and fifty or more attended; there was keen competition for the prizes, and many of the decorations were original and attractive.

In February there was an interesting discussion of the year's catalogues by Mrs. Edward Garra, and she gave a brief history of catalogues and the firms that publish them.

Also in February, the exhibit of pictures of horticultural subjects by members proved unexpectedly popular and there was barely room for the pictures sent in.

Another popular display was the Narcissus Show, on April 12, which brought out very fine exhibits and an attendance of 300. There were prizes for the classes in this show.

The final event was not in the rooms but a day at the Scott Foundation at Swarthmore College in May. Since 55 people attended in spite of a downpour of rain, we feel sure that there would have been a large crowd had the weather been favorable. In the morning Mr. Harry Wood gave a demonstration of pruning lilacs and forsythia. After a very pleasant box luncheon, for which coffee and tea were provided by the Foundation, Mr. Wood showed slides of the collection of trees and shrubs of the Foundation on the Swarthmore campus.

We believe that these events are an asset to the program of your Society and hope that each year more of you will enjoy them.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY M-P. ALLINSON,

(Mrs. E. Page Allinson)

Chairman.

REPORT OF EXTENSION COMMITTEE FOR 1949

The activities of the Extension Committee are best represented by the work of the Field Secretary, Mrs. Harry Wood, perhaps better known to many as Miss Anne B. Wertsner. Since Mrs. Wood's capabilities are so well known, we will confine ourselves here to a statistical report.

The Field Secretary gave 55 lectures during the past year, covering 18,007 miles. She also staged the Society's flower shows and special exhibits, gave horticultural advice in 536 instances and helped with Garden Visits.

We know you will be sorry to learn that after January 1, 1950, Mrs. Wood will not be with the Society on a full-time basis. However, she will continue to give lectures in our rooms and direct our flower shows and other displays. She is not discontinuing her outside lectures but will give these lectures entirely apart from the Society.

J. LIDDON PENNOCK, JR.,
Chairman.

Necrology

The following is a list of the members of this Society whose deaths have been reported during the year.

HONORARY

Dr. Alfred Rehder

LIFE

Mrs. Edgar H. Butler	Mr. Malcolm Lloyd, Jr.
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Mrs. Charles J. Kieferle	Mrs. W. Paul O'Neill
Mrs. Howard W. Lewis	Mrs. William I. Schaffer
Mr. C. I. Livingston	Mrs. L. Ward Wheelock, Jr.
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Mr. Herbert Brown	Miss Lucretia Meirs
Miss M. Theodora Burt	Mrs. S. S. Newcomer
Mrs. Howard Mason Clark	Mrs. F. P. Ristine
Mrs. Curtis L. Clay	Miss Caroline S. Sinkler
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Mrs. Carl H. Eisenmenger	Mr. W. Plunket Stewart
Mr. Ryland W. Greene	Mrs. Frederick W. Taylor
Mr. L. Earnest Hall	Mrs. James C. Torrey
Mr. George W. Harkins, Jr.	Mrs. F. R. Watson
Miss Christine Heim	Professor E. I. Wilde
Mrs. John L. M. Yardley	

